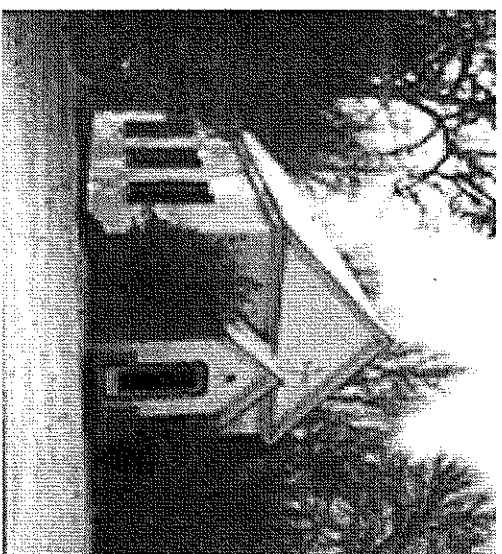


## Grace-Notes

### *from* Grace Chapel, Rossview

In 1851, a deed was filed by a Mr. Fort for several acres on (now) Rossview Road for the expressed purpose of building a community school and church.

Beginning in the 1860's, Grace Chapel, Rossview (first known as White Chapel) was first a "union" church that served all denominations in the area. The present structure was built in 1866 and eventually the Anglicans became the remaining worshipping community. It was one of four Anglican mission Sunday Schools for children established in outlying areas of Montgomery County and is the only one surviving today.



#### Directions to Grace Chapel:

Exit 8 of I-24. Turn east onto Rossview Rd.  
Grace Chapel is on the right about one mile  
from the interstate.

#### Worship schedule:

9:00 am Sundays  
-Holy Eucharist (1st & 3rd)  
-Morning Prayer (2nd & 4th)

Never able to grow strong enough to meet canonical requirements for an "official" diocesan parish, it remains to this day a mission congregation served by Trinity's clergy. For the past eight years, Trinity's Associate Rector, The Rev. Dorothy Chatham Hartzog, has served as priest-in-charge and officiates at services twice a month.

*"... this conveyance is made to said E.L. Fort as Trustee, to be held by him as a site for a Church and School-house for the neighborhood, and any denomination of Christians being privileged to worship therein". From the deed of Grace Chapel, Deed Book Z, pg. 748, Montgomery County deeds)*

As in the beginning, Grace Chapel continues to be the weekly center of worship for a few but growing number of faithful souls, some of whom are descendants of the founding families. The old pump organ, converted some years ago to electric power, is played each week. In addition to the 9:00 am Sunday services, a special Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service takes place annually. Special services on Thanksgiving Eve and All Hallows' Eve, plus the Blessing of the Animals have also taken place at Grace Chapel in recent years. Burials are still held in the lovely old graveyard that adjoins the white frame building which was built in 1866 and is on the National register of historic Places.

After enjoying an unspoiled and peaceful site for 140 years, Grace Chapel finds itself in the midst of great change all around. The area's industrial park is located within a mile and Clarksville's new hospital is less than four miles northwest of the church. With these changes come subdivisions, new roads and all the other offshoots of urban sprawl. In the past 12 months, we have welcomed a number of new members; and it is not unusual to find folks from Trinity visiting on any given Sunday.

While the loss of the peace of the past is painful, the faithful of Grace Chapel stand ready to hear God's call to them as their ancestors did so long ago. Worship with us one Sunday and experience the warmth and simplicity of this place.

*(Note: This is the first of a series of articles about Grace Chapel and its members. If you would like more information on Grace Chapel, past or present, contact Dorothy Hartzog at the Trinity Parish office. DCH+)*